

CROSSING OVER COUNTY LINE DOESN'T STOP DETECTION

MET detectives recently received a tip that there was methamphetamine being cooked in Kent County.

Members of the MET Conspiracy Team conducted surveillance of the suspects. The suspects were followed as they drove from Kent County to Gratiot County to steal anhydrous ammonia--a key ingredient needed to cook meth. Once back in Kent County, MET officers followed the suspects to a local hardware store where they purchased additional components needed to cook meth. The suspects then went to a house on the northwest side of Grand Rapids to begin their cook.

MET officers approached the house where a knock and talk was conducted. A consent search was made of the residence. Inside, MET officers found all the necessary components used to make meth. While the suspects were not actually caught cooking meth at the time, officers found enough evidence to arrest the individuals for operating previous methamphetamine labs at the location.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

D/F/Lt. Chris McIntire Michigan State Police



We are all well aware that there is a direct correlation between drugs and crime in our community. We also know that criminals do more than destroy lives, they also steal the sense of safety, well being and freedom in our community.

Armed with this knowledge, community leaders and law enforcement agencies in Kent County partnered with the Michigan State Police and federal agencies to establish the Metropolitan Enforcement Team (MET). MET is a multijurisdictional team with one common goal in mind, removing drug dealers from our community's streets and neighborhoods, so you can live your life with a sense of peace and tranquility.

The concept of MET is based on the simple premise that no one agency has the ability or resources to respond single-handedly to the drug problems in our area. Therefore, we had to look at combining our talent and resources into a strong specialized drug enforcement team, aimed specifically at removing drug criminals from our streets.

MET. Whether using local street enforcement efforts, interdiction, education/prevention, or taking full advantage of the highly specialized crime

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fighting tools offered by state and federal agencies, MET officers are committed to making a difference in our community.

While cocaine and marijuana still seem to be the drugs of choice found in many of our communities, now on the scene, and positioned to spread like a brush fire, is methamphetamine. Many counties, especially Allegan County, have seen an alarming increase in methamphetamine clandestine labs (cooking sites), and the state is seeing an increase in meth reported cases as well.

Methamphetamine is like no other drug we have seen before in Western Michigan, especially due in part to the fact that it is manufactured (cooked) right here in our community and not

imported as is the case with other illegal drugs. As you read about methamphetamine in this newsletter, you will see how deadly and dangerous this drug really is. I encourage you to become aware of the dangers associated with methamphetamine, to report any suspicious activities, and to help MET officers in their efforts to keep this devastating drug from taking over our community.

**MET's Goal:
Removing drug dealers from streets and neighborhoods, and restoring a sense of peace and tranquility in our community.**

As Commander of MET, I am convinced that by combining the talent, resources and technology of our local agencies with those of state and federal agencies, we are more successful in our drug fighting efforts. As you can see by the 2003 numbers, we investigated 135 cases, made 88 arrests and stopped the dissemination of more than \$1,064,000 worth of drugs directed toward the children, family and friends in our community.

As a citizen of Kent County, you stand to benefit greatly by the collective efforts of

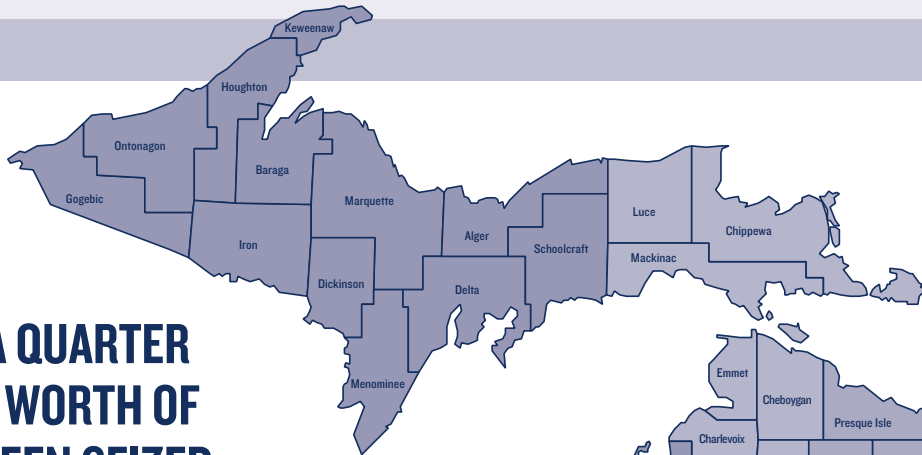
90 out of 100

After smoking or injecting
methamphetamine
—just once or twice—
90 out of 100 users
become hooked

Formula for Disaster
METHAMPHETAMINE

TO REPORT DRUGS AND DRUG DEALERS CALL (616) 456-4801
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LOCAL MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TEAMS HAVING IMPACT ON MICHIGAN DRUG EFFORTS

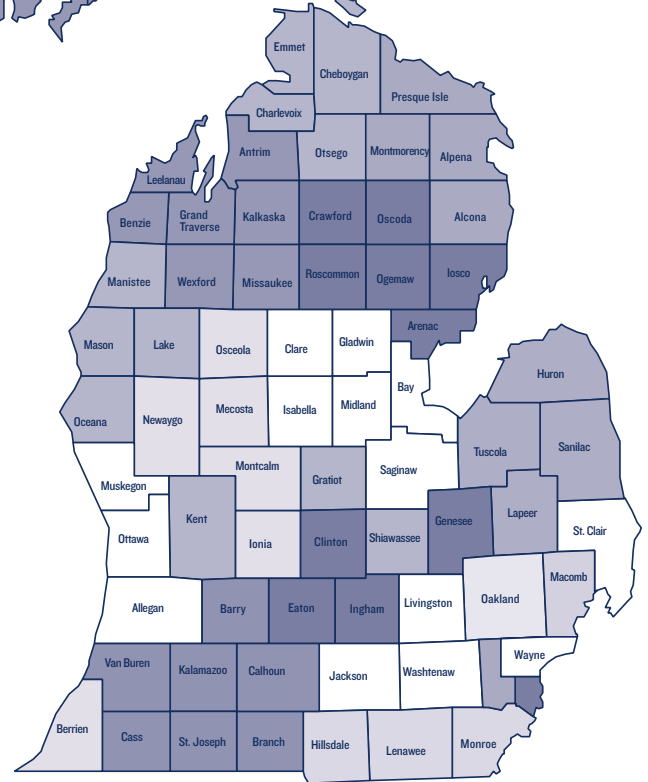


SINCE 2000, ALMOST A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STREET DRUGS HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN MICHIGAN BY DRUG TEAMS

In the Spring of 1977, the Michigan State Police joined with local and county law enforcement agencies to begin a new concept in fighting drugs and drug related crimes in local communities. The concept was simple - no one agency had all the manpower or resources to adequately deal with the increase in drugs and drug related crimes finding its way into Michigan communities and neighborhoods. By combining local resources with the resources of the Michigan State Police, Criminal Investigation Division, along with state police and federal drug information identification and tracking systems, Michigan took a major step in bringing the fight against drug dealers and drug related crimes to the local level. And, it has worked!

Currently, multijurisdictional teams service 81 of 83 counties in the State of Michigan. Local officers from approximately 550 city and township law enforcement agencies, county deputies from 81 counties and troopers from the Michigan State Police are assigned to these task forces. The teams are funded in part through the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy, Michigan State Police, and local governing bodies.

Just in the past four years, the multijurisdictional task forces have been responsible for arresting and removing approximately 14,450 drug criminals from our neighborhoods, streets and schools. In four years, the local task forces have also removed more than \$274,478,398 in street-drugs from local communities-drugs intended for our children and loved ones. As a result of the dedicated efforts of the multijurisdictional teams, tens of millions of dollars in assets and property that would have been used to continue drug trafficking in our communities - has been seized and removed from drug dealers.



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B.A.Y.A.N.E.T.	Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/790-6581
C.M.E.T.	Central Michigan Enforcement Team	989/352-6738
F.A.N.G.	Flint Area Narcotics Group	810/233-3689
H.U.N.T.	Huron Undercover Narcotics Team	989/356-3395
J.N.E.T.	Jackson Narcotics Enforcement Team	517/784-2990
M.A.G.N.E.T.	Mid-Michigan Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/725-7254
M.E.T.	Metropolitan Enforcement Team	616/456-4801
S.A.N.E.	Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement	231/238-8692
S.S.C.E.N.T.	State, Sheriffs, Chiefs Enforcement Team	231/843-7045
S.T.I.N.G.	Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group	989/345-2304
S.W.E.T.	South-West Enforcement Team	269/962-1225
T.N.T.	Traverse Narcotics Team	231/922-0993
T.N.U.	Thumb Narcotics Unit	989/673-8600
T.C.M.	Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad	517/394-5588
U.P.S.E.T.	Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team	906/346-9289
W.E.M.E.T.	West Michigan Enforcement Team	616/994-6520
C.O.M.E.T.	County of Macomb Enforcement Team	586/790-3990
W.W.N.	Western Wayne Narcotics	734/397-9811
D.R.A.N.O.	Down River Area Narcotics Organization	734/479-1710
L.A.W.N.E.T.	Livingston and Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team	810/227-7897
O.M.N.I.	Office of Monroe Narcotics Investigations	734/848-3445

METROPOLITAN ENFORCEMENT TEAM

TAKING DRUGS & DRUG CRIMINALS

off our streets

Kent
County

RAVE PARTIES ON INCREASE IN KENT COUNTY

Over the past five years Kent County has seen an increase in the number of RAVE parties. Through the efforts of the MET Suburban Team, numerous RAVE parties have been stopped.

However, MET detectives are seeing an increase in advertised RAVE parties being hosted in Kent County homes and halls. The parties consist of young people, between 20-25 years of age, drinking and using ecstasy and other club drugs such as MDMA, Ketamine, and LSD. Parties are usually posted on the Internet with different web sites set up for these types of parties. Parties and locations are also discussed through different chat rooms.

MET detectives have been successful in infiltrating these chat rooms and getting into the various web sites to find the location of several RAVE parties in Kent County. Numerous arrests have been made. While MET doesn't directly send its officers to bust RAVE parties, they do monitor the sites and chat rooms, and turn that information over to local police agencies who respond and make the arrests.

MORE THAN JUST A NORMAL LOAD

The MET Criminal Interdiction Team discovered that a house in the Grand Rapids area was being used as a drug stash house. A stash house is a house used as a staging area for the delivery and exchange of drugs and drug sale money. The drugs coming into the Grand Rapids stash house were coming from as far away as Texas and California.

MET officers set up surveillance on the house. Numerous vehicles were seen arriving and leaving the house. A truck leaving the house was stopped by authorities. Inside the truck was \$14,000 in cash, suspected to be the proceeds from a recent drug sale at the house. Located in the bed area of the truck was a hidden compartment that extended the



entire length of the 8 ft bed, across the entire width, and 5 deep. Authorities believed up to 200 pounds of marijuana had been recently stored in the vehicle.

MET detectives believe the truck was being used to transport the marijuana from the U.S. southern border to Michigan.

MET CRIME FIGHTING RESULTS FOR 2003

TOTAL CASES
135

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED
88

DRUG SEIZED / PURCHASED
\$1,064,060
(STREET VALUE)



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